

Olson released by Wanderers

THE comings and goings at Wycombe Wanderers continued this week with the departure of centre half Gerry Olson, who was released on Tuesday.

Last week two players joined the club—Peter Spittle and Brian Langfield from Maidenhead—while Kevin O'Brien, the Blues second choice goalkeeper for four seasons, left the club.

Olson joined Wycombe at the start of the season and although the twin centre back combination alongside John Delaney, looked promising at first, it never really came off, as the players' style of play was too similar.

Manager Brian Lee gave them ample chance to succeed, Olson and Delaney playing alongside each other on 25 occasions. In all, Olson represented Wanderers in 31 matches, scoring two goals.

IMPROVEMENT

With successive victories over Wokingham, Sutton and Chesham, Wycombe will be out to continue their recent improvement against Ilford in the Isthmian League at Loakes Park tomorrow (Saturday).

The sides last met on September 20, when Wanderers gave one of the worst performances of the season to go down 2-1. After dominating the first half they fell away in the second and allowed John Gormley to snatch the points with two goals.

That victory did little to help Wycombe but gave Ilford a real boost and they have been recording some good results this season. A 2-1 win over Kingstonian on Saturday was their last result, and they occupy 12th position in the table with 32 points from 31 games.

Veteran centre half Ken Pope, who spent 16 seasons with Clapton, signed just before Christmas and his performances, coupled with the arrival of three Hornchurch players has made all the difference to the side.

Mick Taylor, Dennis Murphy and Bobby Winter all joined after the Hornchurch "walk-out" and Taylor in particular has made a strong impression upfront. Manager Terry Howard, a former England International, is not expected to play as he now devotes his time to the managerial side.

Wanderers' team news is that Langfield and Peter Spittle, their new signings, are both ruled out of tomorrow's game but will be eligible for Isthmian League games in a week's time.

The line up is likely to be similar to last Saturday's side with a possibility that Tony Amos will come in upfront.